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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/716,567	11/20/2000	Bassem M. Demian	176746-2	7505

TITLE OF INVENTION: BUNION TREATING DEVICE

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 151 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 151 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability	Applicant No.	Applicant(s)
	09/716,567	DEMIAN, BASSEM M.
	Examiner Shawntina T. Fuqua	Art Unit 3742

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to response received 4/7/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-21.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/20/04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

*Shawntina Fuqua
Patent Examiner
Art Unit 3742
Shawntina Fuqua*

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 1-11 non-elected without traverse in paper dated 9/3/02.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawntina T. Fuqua whose telephone number is (703) 305-2581. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shawntina Fuqua can be reached on (703) 308-1327. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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Shawntina Fuqua
Patent Examiner
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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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SERIAL NO. : 09/716567
FILED : November 20, 2000
FOR : Bunion Treating Device
EXAMINER : Shawntina T. Fuqua ART UNIT: 3742
ATTORNEY DOCKET: 176746-2 CUSTOMER NO. 27162

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and is submitted after the mailing of a Final Office Action.

Applicants hereby make of record commonly owned US application Serial No.09/880,633 ('633 application) filed June 13, 2001, which is a CIP of the above-entitled application. In that CIP application, claims similar to, but which differ from the present claims, are rejected over prior art Kenney US Pat. No. 6,456,884 and Ddiamantopoulos et al. US Pat. No. 4,930,504. Others of the claims are deemed allowable. Other references were cited of interest. All of these references are noted in

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the attached Notice of References Cited PTO 892 of record in that CIP application.

Enclosed also is a form PTO 1449 and a copy of the cited references.

The '663 application is pending.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references in the enclosed materials be made of record in the instant above-entitled application.

Entry of this paper is respectfully requested.

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<i>Sly</i>	A1	3,650,276	Mar. 21, 1972	Burghese et al.	128	419	Mar. 25, 1969
	B1	4,026,301	May 31, 1977	Friedman et al.	128	418	Apr. 21, 1975
	C1	4,930,504	June 5, 1990	Diamantopoulos et al.	128	395	Nov. 13, 1987
	D1	5,281,219	Jan. 25, 1994	Kalok	607	42	Aug. 24, 1992
	E1	5,578,065	Nov. 26, 1996	Hattori et al.	607	46	Dec. 6, 1991
	F1	5,674,267	Oct. 7, 1997	Mir et al.	607	72	Mar. 30 1993
<i>V</i>	G1	5,992,012	July 13, 1999	Sakano	607	46	Aug. 4, 1995
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